



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation levels with above average temperatures this time of year. Overall, mountain snowpack is 115 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 4.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	50	21	1
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	1	9	75	15

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	50	25	1
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	1	13	76	10

Small Grains: Five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to poor condition due to a dry winter and spotty germination last fall. Spring barley was 5 percent seeded by the end of the week, a little ahead of the 5-year average of 3 percent. Producers started seeding spring wheat which was 1 percent seeded at week's end compared to 1 percent last year at this time.

Row Crops: Onion growers were busy planting 5 percent of the acreage compared with 3 percent last year and 3 percent on average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 13, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	13	27	41	17	2
Last Year	1	6	25	53	15

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State. Last year, 51 percent was rated good to excellent at this time compared with the 5-year average at 26 percent.

Livestock: Thirty-nine percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 27 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 13, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	8	19	55	17	1
Prev. Year – 2009	5	20	24	47	4
5-Year Avg.	13	26	35	24	2

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	39	38
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	27	26

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 13, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat Pastured	5	N/A	5	7
Spring Barley Seeded	5	N/A	3	3
Spring Wheat Seeded	1	N/A	1	1
Dry Onions Planted	5	N/A	3	3

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	2	47	44	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.